HOME HEALTH AGENCIES REGULATION INTERPRETATION BUREAU OF CHILD CARE AND HEALTH FACILITIES

KAR 28-51-100(r)

SUBJECT: Physician qualifications.

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INTERPRETATION: KAR 28-51-100(r) defines a physician as a person licensed in Kansas or an adjoining state to practice medicine and surgery. The qualifications for physician are expanded to coincide with the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts regulation, KAR 100-26-2(e), which allow "out-of-state" physicians licensed, in good standing, in another state to issue orders for home health patients. To be compliant in the use of out-of-state physicians, home health agencies should incorporate the following into agency policies and procedures:

Physician orders for home health services may be received from a physician licensed in another state, if the home health agency has verified that the physician's license is current and in good standing, Verification documentation will be on file in the agency.

Surveyors will determine compliance not only with the regulation, but also with agency policies.

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